

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 9 as follows

Claims 1 - 8 (previously cancelled).

Claim 9 (currently amended). The method of forming a film *in situ* upon body tissue, comprising:

providing a liquid composition comprising,

- 1) a volatile solvent; and
- 2) a water soluble polymer selected from the group consisting of carboxymethylcellulose, ~~poly(vinyl alcohol co vinyl acetate)~~, polyiminodiacetamide and hydroxyethylcellulose, the water soluble polymer being capable of attaching which will attach to a hydrophobic group through covalent bonding.
- 3) a compound containing a hydrophobic group;
modifying the water solubility of the polymer in the liquid composition by attaching the hydrophobic group of the compound containing the hydrophobic group to the water soluble polymer to produce a water insoluble interaction product;
applying the liquid composition to the body tissue;
evaporating the solvent from the liquid composition *in situ*; and
forming a film which adheres to body tissue.

Claims 10 and 11 (previously cancelled).

Claims 12 - 14 (previously cancelled).